

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

OF THE

MEAD FAMILY

OF

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
EASTERN NEW YORK, WESTERN VERMONT
AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

FROM A.D. 1180 TO 1900

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CHAPTER III.

THE FAMILY IN GREENWICH.

OF *William*, the ancestor of all the Fairfield County Meads, very little concerning him, except that already mentioned, has been found. His wife died in Stamford, September 16, 1657. No record of his death has as yet been found.

John (1) removed from Hempstead, Long Island, to Old Greenwich (now Sound Beach) in 1660, and purchased land from Richerd Crab, October 26th, as will appear from the following deed as given on the town records:

These presents witnesseth an agreement made betwene Richerd Crab, of Grenwich, on ye one side, and John Mead, of Heamstead, on Long Island, on ye other side, viz.: Ye said Richerd Crab hath sould unto ye sd John Mead all his houses and Lands, yt sd Richerd Crab hath in Grenwich with all ye Apurtenances, Rights, & Privileges, & Conveniences, yt Doth belong unto ye sd houses & Lands, or shall here after belong unto them, viz.: ye house yt Richerd Crab liveth in, ye house yt Thomas Studwell liveth in, with ye Barne yt is on ye side of ye hye waye: also ye home lott yt ye house stands on, being bounded with a fence lying about them on ye northwest, against ye house lott; also Eightene Acres of Land in Elizabeth neck, more or less, being bounded by ye sea on ye east and southeast, and a fence on ye west, northwest, and ye north.

Also ye Rig, with 5 acres of Meadow lying in it, more or less: ye rig being bounded by ye Sea on ye southeast, william low on ye east, and ye fence on ye northwest, & north ye hye waye & hethcut's & angell Heusteds on ye west; also 3 acres of meadow in ye long meadow, & 1 acre of meadow by Ferris, bounded by Jeffere Ferris land on ye southeast, and ye cove

on ye west and northwest; also 5 acres of meadow in myanos neck. all ye above spesified I do hereby acknowledge to have sould unto ye above sd John Mead, his heaires and asignes, fully and freely to be possest forever, and for ye quiet and full performance hereof, I have hereunto subscribed my hand, anno 1660, October 26 Daye.

RICHARD CRAB.

Adam Mott, }
Robt. Williams, } Witnesses.

John Mead (1) married Hannah, daughter of William Potter of Stamford. Her father afterwards owned Shippan Point, and through her he received a considerable amount of property.

The following anecdote, which has been preserved by tradition, shows his character: One day when he was quite an old man, as he was going for his grist on horseback to the mill at Dumpling Pond, before he reached the Mianus River he overtook an old Quaker jogging slowly along, loaded with a heavy budget. In a real spirit of kindness he offered to take the Quaker's load upon his horse, and thus give him a lift on his journey. "No," replied the Quaker, "thee don't get my bundle, for I can read men's thoughts. Thee wants to get my bundle, and then thee 'll run off. Thee don't get my bundle." "Very well," was the simple reply, and so they went slowly on together. At last they came to the brink of the Mianus River. Here the Quaker was really in trouble. How to cross a river, two or three feet deep, dry shod, was quite a puzzle. But he gladly accepted a second offer of assistance from the horseman. The bundle was mounted in front, John in the middle, and the Quaker behind. Arriving at the centre of the river, in pretending to adjust his stirrup John caught the Quaker by the heel and gave him a gratuitous bath. Such treatment was too much, even for Quaker forbearance, and the victim, with his hands full of pebbles, would have taken summary vengeance, had not the other party threatened to put the bundle under a similar

course of treatment. This threat, and the lecture following it, gradually cooled off the Quaker's anger. John informed him that all had been done for his good, to teach him a lesson. And the lecturer said he hoped the stranger would never again profess to read men's thoughts. "For," said he, "I asked you to ride, kindly in the first place, when you refused; but at the second time of asking, I really intended to do as I have just done." So saying, and tossing the bundle back, he rode on, leaving his companion to apply the moral as he thought best.

In 1670 John Mead (1) was propounded for a freeman of Greenwich by the Assembly, and was a member of the Assembly in 1679, 1680, and 1686.

The first settlement of the Town of Greenwich, as has been previously stated, was made at Elizabeth Neck (now Sound Beach), but about the year 1672 a number of persons, mostly living in the town, though some were from other colonies than Connecticut, purchased from the few Indians then living about the western part of the town, Miosehasseky (Horseneck), now Greenwich Borough. These purchasers were twenty-seven, and were styled the "27 proprietors of 1672." On the list as it appears in the *Greenwich Town Records* are found among the twenty-seven the names of

Joseph Mead, and John Mead (1).

In 1681 took place the earliest marriage that is recorded, although others must have preceded it, by the Rev. Jeremiah Peck, John Mead (2) to Miss Ruth Hardey, daughter of Richard Hardey.

In 1687 John Mead (2) was elected constable, then the most remunerative as well as the most important office in the gift of the townsmen.

On the list of legal voters at Horseneck for the year 1688, are found the following names :

Joseph Mead	John Mead (1)
Ebenezer Mead	John Mead (2)
Jonathan Mead	Joseph Mead, John Mead's son
Joseph Mead,	Joseph Mead's son.

A little previous to this time, however, about 1686, the Indians sold almost their last acre of land in the town to Ebenezer Mead (1). These lands were at the mouth of the Mianus River, on its western bank, and the original deed is now in the possession of the Hon. Whitman S. Mead, who resides on a part of the property, it having remained in the family ever since its purchase from the Indians. In 1691 it was voted to have a new meeting-house, and John Mead (1), John Mead (2), and others, were appointed a committee to procure materials and build the house. It was finally built upon a small rise of ground, northwest of the old burying-ground at Old Greenwich (Sound Beach), near where the present First Congregational Church now stands.

In 1693, May 12, occurred the death of John Mead (2), the acting constable, which was deeply lamented by the people. They called an extra town meeting, and passed resolutions deploring the loss of so estimable an officer and citizen. He was the grandson of the first settler, only about thirty-five years of age, and left surviving him, his widow and four children, as follows: John (3), Jonathan, Nathan, and Elizabeth. John (3) remained in Horseneck; Jonathan died in 1712, without issue, and Nathan settled at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York.

The tax list for the Town of Greenwich for the years 1694 and 1695 contains the following names, besides many others:

	l.	s.	d.
Benjamin Mead.....	87	0	0
Ruth Mead, widow of John Mead (2).	22	10	0
Daniel Mead.....	42	0	0
Zachariah Mead.....	30	0	0
Ebenezer Mead.....	103	10	0
Joseph Mead, the tanner.....	45	10	0

The Mead Family.

10. and 11. ¹ABIGAIL and ¹MARY, the two youngest children.
No further record has been found.

¹WILLIAM, b. about 1600, m. about 1625, d. about 1663; he married
——, who d. Sept. 19, 1657, and had:

3. ²JOHN (1), b. about 1634, m. Hannah, dau. of William Potter,
of Stamford, Conn.; he d. Feb. 5, 1699, and had:

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| 1. ³ JOHN (2) | 6. ³ DAVID |
| 2. ³ JOSEPH | 7. ³ BENJAMIN (1) |
| 3. ³ HANNAH | 8. ³ NATHANIEL |
| 4. ³ EBENEZER (1) | 9. ³ SAMUEL |
| 5. ³ JONATHAN (1) | 10. ³ ABIGAIL |
| 11. ³ MARY | |

1. ²JOHN (2), b. abt. 1658, m. 1681, d. May 12, 1693; he married
Ruth, dau. of Richard Hardey, of Stamford, Conn., and had:

1. ³John (3), b. Oct. 7, 1682, m. ———, 1724, d. ——— 1759;
he married Elizabeth Lockwood, and had:

1. ⁴John (4) Gen'l, b. ——— 1725, m. ——— 1752, d. Dec.

3, 1790; he married, 1st, Mary, dau. of Benjamin
Brush, of Huntington, L. I., b. ———, 1730, d. ———,

1785, 2d, Mehetabel, dau. of ——— Blackman, and widow
of Jonathan Peck, and had by his 1st wife:

1. ⁵John (5), b. abt. 1754, m. ———, d. ———; he
married Mary Coe, of Rye, N. Y., and had:

1. ⁶Alice, b. ———, m. Nov. 15, 1803, d. Jan. 16,
1826; she married *Peter Mead*, b. Dec. 25,
1780, d. Mch. 5, 1856, and had (see p. 449):

2. ⁷Hester, b. ———, m. James Simmons.

3. ⁷Mary, b. ———, m. ——— Fowler.

4. ⁷Edward, b. ———

5. ⁷James, b. ———

6. ⁷Frances, b. ———, m. ——— Bloomer.

7. ⁷Benjamin, d. young.

8. ⁷Brush, b. May 2, 1797, m. Jan. 1, 1832, d. Feb.
21, 1873; he married Mary Hess, b. Feb. 19,
1813, and had:

1. ⁸Fanny, b. Oct. 5, 1832, d. ———, 1836.

2. ⁸David, b. May 13, 1834, m. ———

d. ———, 1864, and left no children.

Jonathan Mead.....	45	0	0
Nathaniel Mead.....	30	0	0
Elisha Mead	38	0	0
Samuel Mead.....	87	10	0
Joseph Mead, not the tanner.....	25	0	0

In 1696 Ebenezer Mead was appointed by the town to keep "a place of publik entertainment for man and beast." The old tavern stood on the same site for nearly two hundred years, and has a history linked with Colonial and Revolutionary Wars. Many a thrilling episode occurred around its doors and within its quaint rooms. One night during colonial days, when some of the frivolous young people of the colony were holding a dance in the house, a besieging party of Puritans broke open the front door and drove them out like cattle, and the merry-makers retired in confusion. Jumping out of windows helter-skelter, they scattered in every direction before the clubs and invectives of the sad faced Puritans. It was here also during the early days of the French and Indian War that a company of young men were surprised by a press-gang, and several of them forced into the service.

The old tavern was built as were dwellings of those days. The laths were split with an axe from oak, and the nails were made by the village blacksmith. There was an immense wine closet in the cellar, where the choicest wines and liquors were kept that gladdened the hearts of ye travellers as well as ye soldiers.

General Putnam quaffed many a glass of Medford rum 't is said here, and frequently held conferences within its rooms with his fellow officers of the Revolution. It was a common thing for the soldiers, tories, and cowboys, to ride up to the east window—there was no fence about the lot—and gracefully stoop while on their horses and catch the welcome cup hastily handed by ye genial landlord, who gave them ye latest news of ye doings of ye British hereabouts, in answer to their hurried questions.

When Governor Tryon made his raid, February 26, 1779, he made his quarters at this old tavern, then kept by Henry Mead, and while he was waiting for his dinner a patriot crept slyly into an adjoining orchard and fired a ball through the clapboards, which whistled close by Governor Tryon's head and struck the mantel-piece, from which it rebounded upon the floor. This startled Tryon so much that he, without waiting for his dinner, gave immediate orders for a retreat.

An old Hessian sabre was found in the house about fifty years ago, and when it was torn down in July, 1886, to make room for the present Presbyterian Church, a number of relics were found. A board was disclosed near the big chimney, on which the name of Reuben Mead and the figures 1741 were printed in charcoal, and under the fireplace was uncovered another board, on which was a score, drawn with charcoal, of apples, potatoes, and whiskey. No doubt it was the account of ye jolly landlord with some of his neighbors. An English penny, dated 1701, a piece of blue cloth with brass buttons, a pair of Indian moccasins, a long old-fashioned fire shovel, a big brass strainer, and some other things were also found. Relic hunters watched the old tavern as it fell, piece by piece, and took away shingles and nails.

In 1699, February 5, occurred the death of John Mead (1) probably in his sixty-sixth year. He had been a prominent citizen, respected by all not only for his even temperament, but also for his energy and decision of character. The following are his children :

John (2), Joseph, Hannah, Ebenezer, Jonathan, David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Abigail, and Mary. He left two wills, both dated the sixteenth day of March, 1696. One devising his real property to his sons is recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of Greenwich, Connecticut, and the other making bequests of personal property to all his children is

recorded in the *Fairfield Probate Records*. Both of these are curiosities of antiquity and are well worthy of being preserved. The following is a copy of his will relating to real property recorded at Greenwich, Connecticut :

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I JOHN MEAD, SENIR, of grenwich in ye Collonie of Conecticut for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my naturall Sonn John Mead of ye Towne of grenwich & Collonie aforesd, have giuen & granted & do by these presents fully Clearly and absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn John Mead now deseased for his Sonn John Mead my grandsonn a sertaine Persale of Land and meadow Lying & being in grenwich bounded by ye Land yt I John Mead Senir. bought of John Bowers north & a line drawn from ye north east corner of ye Land I bought of Angell Heusted Jur. to a grate rock Lying in ye frunt fence, all ye Lands lyīng within this Compas with ye house as it is bounded :

Ye frunt of sd Land being Bounded upon thee hyewaye west, the Reare upon ye sea South East. Upon these considerations following I giue & grant fully Clearly & absolutely ye above mentioned lands to him, his heaires & asignes : Imprimis, yt hee fully Confirme yt contract yt was betwene his father & his Unckle Ebinezer Mead ; 2lly yt hee pay to his Brothers Jonathan & Nathan Mead when they com to bee of eage five pounds to Each of them & to his Sister Elizabeth Mead fortie Shilings ; Item, I giue & fully grant unto ye aforesd John two acres in ye home lott insted of yt which ye sd John his father, now deseased, had of me in ye Southfeild disposing of yt in ye Southfeild, as I see Convenient.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Joseph Mead of ye Towne of grenwich haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly & absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Joseph Mead his heaires & asignes a sertaine Persale of Land & meadow, Lying in Myanos neck esteemed seven acres be it more or Les, as it is Bounded ; Item, I giue unto my sd Sonn Joseph Mead, his heaires & asignes, three acres of Land in Stanfford Southfeild neare ye uper gate be it more or Les, as it is Bounded.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue and beare towards my Naturall Sonn Ebinezer Mead of

ye Towne of grenwich aforesd haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully, Clearly & absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Ebinezer his heaires & asignes a Persale of meadow in ye Hosack meadow, esteemed two acres & an halfe be it more or Les, ye Bounds being known to ye sd Ebinezer.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir, aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Jonathan Mead of ye Towne of grenwich aforesd haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly and absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Jonathan his heaires & asignes an home lott Layd out to mee at horseneck and all my Lands lying within horse neck feild & a Persale of Land Containing three acres more or Les, Lying at ye South East End of ye Widow Hows Lott.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Daud Mead of ye Towne of Bedford now in ye government of New Yorke, haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly & absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Daud Mead his heaires & asignes my whole acomidation Lying & being at Bedford both Lands & meadows as it was granted to me.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Benjamen Mead of ye Towne of grenwich aforesd, haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly and absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Benjamen those Persales of Land & meadows hereafter exprest, viz.: five acres of Land at Stickling brock as it is Layd out to mee, and all my Lands & meadow Lying & being at that place Commonly Cauled Coscob, as it is Layd out to mee & ten acres of upland above ye Road aded now to ye five.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Nathaniell Mead of ye Towne of grenwich aforesd haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly & absolutely giue & grant unto my sd Sonn Nathaniell, his heaires & asignes an acre & Twentie rods of meadow in ye Southfeild, as it is Bounded: Likewise seven acres of Land Lying at a place cauled Croch; also two Thirds of my Lands, as it shall bee Layd out of that Estate in Patrigs List.

FURTHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, yt I John Mead Senir. aforesd for ye Love goodwill & affection which I

haue & beare towards my Naturall Sonn Samll Mead of ye Towne of grenwich haue giuen & granted & by these presents do fully Clearly & absolutely giue & grant unto ye sd Samll Mead, his heaires & asignes all my Houseing with ye Orched: Item, all my Lands on ye East Side of ye Hyewaye by my House both meadow & Land & Plowing Land, Bounded by ye grate Rock yt lyeth in ye fence of ye Land of my Grand Sonn John Mead & upon a Streight line to ye North East Corner of ye meadow Land I John Mead aforesd Bought of Argell Heusted Jur.: Item, all my Land upon Elizabeth neck, as it is bounded: Item, all my alotment in ye Long meadow & all my meadow Lying by James Ferris, as it is Bounded, & ye peace of Land I Bought of Clement Buxton Lying in Stanford Southfeild as it is Bounded & my alotment in Stanford Eastfeild in Shipan, which was my father Potters, as it is Bounded; also yt Persale of Land I had of ye ouerseers of my father Potters Estate Lying within Stanford bounds, frunting by ye Hye waye, by ye South feild, as it is Bounded.

FURTHER KNOW yt ye aforesd housing, Land & meadows I do frely giue to him sd Samll my Sonn, his heaires & asignes as aforesd, also a Persale of Land Lying by Gershom Lockwood, Bounded by ye Hye waye, next west upon ye Land of my Grand Sonn John Mead South East, which Persale of Land was not mentioned before. Provided yt ye sd Samll his heaires and asignes do well & honorably maintaine his mother with a Convenient roome in ye house such a roome as shee shall cheuse, & with such other Things as may be Suitable for her Comfortable Subsistence during her widdowhood & that hee pay out to his brother Nathaniell aforesd Twentie pounds in Provesion paye as it paseth from man to man amoungst us. Beginning ye Payment of it after my Desease & Paying five Pounds pr annum till tis Payde.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I haue hereunto sett my hand & Seale this 16 of March 1695-6.

his
JOHN + MEAD
mark.

SIGNED & SEALED IN PRESENCE OF US:

SALLOMON TREAT,
ZACKARIAH MEAD.

These aboue Writen Deads & seuerall Grants of Lands on both sides of this Paper was acnowldged by ye granter John Mead Senir to bee his act & deed this 24 of March, 1697, in Stanfford before mee.

JONATHAN BELL,
Commissioner.

On first thought it seems odd that two wills, the one devising real property, and the other bequeathing personal property, both executed the same day, should be valid; but this is explained by the fact that at that time wills devising real property had to be recorded in the town where the land was located, while those bequeathing personal property were only recorded in the Probate Court having jurisdiction, which in those early days was Fairfield.

The will making bequests of personal property to all his children, both sons and daughters, is therefore recorded in the *Fairfield Probate Records*. It is a very curious document, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, I, JOHN MEAD SENIR of grenwich in ye Collonie conecticut though at present in reasonable helth, yet being sencable of my bodyly weakness and Infirmities of ould eage and not Knowing the daye of my departure out of this world do make this my Last will & Testament in manner and form following:

First: I Comit my Soul into ye hands of Allmity God hoping for Saluation from the Riches of His Grace through the allone merrits of Jesus. Also I Comit my body to ye Earth decently to be buried and there to rest unto the Resurrection of the Just. And for my wuldly Est. boath Reall and personall, I dispose of it as followeth:

Imprimis: All my just debts and funerall Charges being paid by my wife whom I make my Sole Executrix of my will and I do will and bequeath unto my Eldest Sonn John Mead the Just Sum of five Shilings, besides what I haue alredy Giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

2lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Joseph Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

3lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Ebinezer Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my executrix.

4lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Jonathan Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

5lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn

Dauid Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

6lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Benjamin Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

7lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Nathaniell Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

8lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my Sonn Sam^{ll} Mead ye Just sum of five Shilings besides what I haue alredy giuen him to be paid by my Executrix.

9lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Scoful ye full & Just sum of five Shilings to be paid by my Executrix.

10lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Abagaile ye Just sum of five Shilings to be paid by my Executrix.

11lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary ye Just sum of five Shilings to be paid by my Executrix.

12lly: My will is and I do will and bequeath unto my dear and loueing Hannah Mead all my Estate Reall and Personall which I haue not disposed of to my Children Either by Will or gifts. She paying the seuerall Legacies as before Exprest for her Comfortable Subsistanc in this world and to be wholly at her disposal to distribute.

Lastly: My will is that my Sonns Joseph, Ebinezer, and Benjamin be ouerseers to se yt this my Last Will & Testament be fully & Carefully performed to see yt their mother be Carefully prouided for.

IN CONFIRMATION yt this is my Last will & Testament, I haue hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this 16 of March, 1695-6.

his
JOHN + MEAD
mark

SIGNED & SEALED IN PRESENCE OF US:

SALLOMON TREAT
ZACKARIAH MEAD.

The aboue written Will was acnolidged by
John Mead Senir. to bee his own free act
& deed this 24th March, 1697 in Stanford
before me.

JONATHAN BELL.
Commissioner.

John Mead (1), it is supposed, was buried in an old burying-ground a little southwest from the old one yet in existence on Greenwich Point. All traces of this burial place are now removed, the tombstones having been taken to build fences, and the ground often ploughed over without any respect for those who lie sleeping there.

Up to 1703 all town meetings had been held in Greenwich "Old Town," but in that year it was voted that they should be held one half of the time at Horseneck. Also about this time there was quite an emigration from the old settlement to the western and northwestern parts of the town, so that in 1704 the settlement had become so large that it was found impossible for one minister to attend to the wants of the inhabitants at both Horseneck and Old Greenwich; therefore, in 1705 an agreement "betwene ye Inhabitants on ye East sid of Myanos River and ye Inhabitants of sd Grenwich on ye West sid of sd Myanos River" was entered into, whereby the town was divided into two societies. The First Society being on "ye East sid of sd Myanos River," and the Second being on "ye West sid of sd Myanos River."

At a town meeting held in Greenwich at Horseneck, June 15, 1716, "Mr. Ebinezer Mead and others were chozen to lay out the landing and highway on the Northside of horseneck brook."

THE JOHN LINE.—BENJAMIN BRANCH.

GREENWICH, CONN.

' WILLIAM—² JOHN (1)—³ BENJAMIN.

7. * Rebecca, b.
8. * Lucy, b.
9. * Arthur, b. , d. aged ten years.
10. * Stephen A., b.
11. * Richard, b.
12. * Clarinda, b.
13. * Sylvester, b.
5. * Nehemiah, b. Dec. 7, 1771, m. Nov. , 1795, d. Mch. 24, 1826 ; he married Ruth Richards, b. Apl. 25, 1769, d. Feb. 13, 1854, and had :
 1. * Samuel H., b. Dec. 2, 1796, m. Mch. 14, 1822, d. Oct. 15, 1854 ; he married Malvina Valentine, b. July 25, 1796, d. Oct. 10, 1851, and had :
 1. * Elizabeth S., b. Jan. 2, 1823.
 2. * Catharine V., b. Mch. 27, 1824.
 2. * Sarah, b. July 3, 1798, , d. May 12, 1871.
 3. * William H., b. Dec. 20, 1799, m. May 7, 1831, d. Feb. , 1872 ; he married, 1st, Abigail J. Reynolds, d. Nov. 1860 ; 2d, Caroline Smith, m. Nov. 19, 1866, no children.
 4. * Daughter, b. , d. in infancy.
 5. * Ruth C., b. Sept. 25, 1802.
 6. * Laura, b. Aug. 1, 1804, m. Sept. 6, 1842, d. ; she married *Zacheus Mead*, b. Jan. 2, 1798, d. Mch. 3, 1872, and had (see p.)
 7. * James R., b.
6. * Clarinda, b. July 28, 1776, m. Feb. 1, 1804, d. Mch. 20, 1856 ; she married *Isaac Mead*, b. Dec. 8, 1770, d. Jan. 31, 1849, and had (see p. 272).
10. * Mary, b. , 1724, m. , 1747, d. Oct. 6, 1787 ; she married *Silas Mead*, b. Mch. 22, 1720, d. Oct. 13, 1817, and had (see p. 231).
11. * Hannah, b. , 1726, m. July 29, 1744, d. ; she married *Peter Mead*, b. Oct. 2, 1700, and had (see p. 449).

This finishes the Benjamin branch, so far as information could be obtained.

THE JOHN LINE.—SAMUEL BRANCH.

GREENWICH, CONN.

' WILLIAM—² JOHN (I)—³ SAMUEL— { 'SAMUEL,
 { 'ELNATHAN.

9. * SAMUEL, b. abt. 1673. m. _____, 1695, d. in 1713; he married Hannah —, and had :
1. * Samuel, b. May 3, 1696, m. _____, 1718, d. —; he married Ann —, and had :
1. * Charlotte, b. _____, 1719.
2. * Henry, b. _____, 1721.
3. * Artemas, b. _____, 1723.
4. * Betheny, b. _____, 1725.
5. * Priscilla, b. _____, 1727.
6. * Lavinia, b. _____, 1729.
7. * Martha, b. _____, 1733.
2. * Elnathan, b. Feb. 11, 1698, m. _____, d. _____; he married Sarah, dau. of John and Hannah Lyon, and had :
1. * Elnathan (2), b. abt. 1729, m. _____, d. _____; he married —, and had :
1. * Elnathan (3), b. _____, m. _____, d. _____; he married —, and had :
1. * Hibbard, b. abt. 1788.
2. * Solomon, b. Nov. 25, 1790, m. Nov. 20, 1815, d. Sept. _____, 1844; he married Maria Merritt, b. Feb. 17, 1791, and had :
1. * William K., b. Dec. 24, 1820, m. Oct. 31, 1851, Marietta Crawford, b. Aug. 22, 1828, and had :
1. * George H., b. Jan. 22, 1853, d. young.
2. * Thomas H., b. Apl. 11, 1855.
3. * Maria L., b. May 22, 1858.
4. * Warren C., b. July 29, 1861.
5. * Georgietta H., b. Mch. 6, 1871, d. young.
2. * Seth, b. Apl. 24, 1822.
3. * Nathaniel T., b. July 4, 1823.
4. * Solomon, b. Nov. 11, 1824.
5. * Sarah A., b. Nov. 5, 1826, m. Henry Merritt, and had :
1. * Henry, b. _____

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3. ¹ Lucinda, b. , m. Benj. Reynolds, and had :
 1. ¹ Isaac M., b.
 2. ¹ Julia A., b.
 3. ¹ Mary E., b.
13. ¹ Jotham, b. , m. Elizabeth Brown, and had
 1. ¹ Sophia, b. , m. — Hyde.
 2. ¹ Ruth, b. , m. Wm. Page, and had :
 1. ¹ Sheldon, b.
 2. ¹ William H., b.
 3. ¹ Elizabeth, b. , m. Wesley Walcott.
 4. ¹ Charlotte, b. , m. 1st, Luther Light-hall ; 2d, — Bradley, of Watertown, N. Y.
 3. ¹ Betsy, b. , m. July 3, 1813, d. ; she married *Augustus Mead*, b. Dec. 31, 1788, d. May 16, 1835, and had (see p. 295) :
 4. ¹ Samuel, b.
 5. ¹ Charlotte, b. , m. Munson Doolittle, and had :
 1. ¹ Angenette, b. , m. Nehemiah Parks, of Warsaw, N. Y.
 2. ¹ Betsy, b. , m. Noble Morris, of Warsaw, N. Y.
5. ¹ Deborah, b. , m. 1st, Samuel Close ; 2d, — Smith, and had :
 1. ¹ Samuel, b.
 2. ¹ Elnathan, b.
 3. ¹ Henry M., b.
 4. ¹ Benjamin, b.
 5. ¹ Jonathan, b.
 6. ¹ Daniel, b.
 7. ¹ Hannah, b. Mch. 14, 1756, m. Nov. 19, 1777, d. Nov. 5, 1824 ; she married *Peter Mead*, b. Jan. 14, 1755, d. Dec. 20, 1832, and had (see p. 449) :
 8. ¹ Deborah, b. , 1759, m. Jan. 13, 1780, d. ; she married *Zacheus Mead*, b. Dec. 30, 1759, d. , and had (see p. 454) :

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5. ⁷ Mary E., b. Dec. 10, 1846, m. Aug. 12, 1869, Benj. F. Trumpy, and had :
 1. ⁸ Grace, b. May 19, 1870, d. Oct. 18, 1870.
 2. ⁸ Adele, b. May 19, 1870, d. Oct. 18, 1870.
 3. ⁸ Benjamin F., b. Aug. 17, 1872.
 4. ⁸ Sanford M., b. June 26, 1874.
5. ⁸ Ann, b. May 12, 1757, m. , d. ; she married Nathaniel Hebbard, and had :
 1. ⁹ Ruth, b. Feb. 14, 1786, m. June 22, 1809, d. Jan. , 1823; she married *Obadiah Mead*, b. Mch. 10, 1785, d. Feb. 20, 1878, and had (see p. 243).
 2. ⁹ Hannah, b. , m. Jan. 2, 1809, d. Mch. 12, 1814, she married (Deacon) *Jonas Mead*, b. Apl. 13, 1784, d. Aug. 2, 1871, and had (see p. 249).
 3. ⁹ Esther, b. , m. Esbon Husted.
6. ⁸ Zacheus, b. Dec. 30, 1759, m. Jan. 13, 1780, d. ; he married *Deborah*, dau. of Samuel Close (see p. 448) b. , 1759, and had :
 1. ⁹ Elise, b. Oct. 21, 1780, m. , 1796, d. ; she married *Job Mead*, and had (see p. 445).
 2. ⁹ Hannah, b. Apl. 18, 1783, m. Nov. 12, 1804, d. Apl. 25, 1873; she married Rev. *Mark Mead*, b. Nov. 6, 1782, d. Aug. 8, 1864, and had (see p. 248).
 3. ⁹ Samuel, b. Sept. 12, 1785, d. Nov. 21, 1785.
7. ⁸ Charity, b. July 29, 1763, m. , Absalom Holmes.
8. ⁸ Sarah, b. Aug. 1, 1765, m. Mch. , 1785, d. Aug. 18, 1836; she married Benjamin Close, b. Sept. 10, 1760, d. Oct. 11, 1836, and had :
 1. ⁹ Henry M., b. Dec. 26, 1785, m. 1st, Clarissa Knapp; 2d, Mary Moe; he d. Aug. 11, 1846.
 2. ⁹ Benjamin, b. Mch. 11, 1788, m. Elizabeth Gale; he d. Aug. 10, 1852.
 3. ⁹ Deborah, b. Feb. 7, 1790, m. Silas S. Killenger; she d. Dec. 21, 1816.
 4. ⁹ Samuel, b. Jan. 26, 1792, m. Deborah Lockwood; he d. Mch. , 1841.

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5. ⁴ Rhesa, b. Mch. 24, 1795, m. , d. Aug. 28, 1847; he married *Hannah*, dau. of Jonathan Mead (untraced); his father was Elijah, who had a brother Peter.

6. ⁴ William, b. June 21, 1797, m. Esther Hollister.

7. ⁴ Hannah, b. Mch. 25, 1799, m. Francis Hollister; she d. Aug. 1, 1827.

8. ⁴ Reuben H., b. Jan. 26, 1801, m., 1st, Lydia M. Eastman 2d, Jane Fitch.

9. ⁴ Sarah, b. Sept. 19, 1803, d. Nov. 10, 1804.

10. ⁴ Mary A., b. Jan. 5, 1807.

4. ⁴ Hannah, b. Nov. 29, 1702.

5. ⁴ Deborah, b. July 10, 1704.

6. ⁴ John, b. Feb. 11, 1706.

7. ⁴ Elizabeth, b. Apl. 5, 1709.

This finishes the Samuel Branch, so far as information could be obtained.

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10. ³ ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1675; no further record.

11. ³ MARY, b. abt. 1678; no further record.

This finishes the genealogy of the Horseneck (Greenwich) Connecticut Mead family, so far as information could be obtained.